

Notice of Allowability

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09/932,968

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/02/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Detailed Action

Response to Amendment filed 05/02/2007

1. Claims 1, 3-8 are presented for examination.

Drawings

2. Drawings dated 08/21/2001 are accepted.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

The certified copy has been filed in Application No. 09/932968 filed on 08/21/2001.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3-8 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Prior art of record teaches of sending a reservation request comprising a time schedule to a content provider to transmit content to the content provider, and transmitting the content to subscribers by the content provider. Prior art of record also separately teaches of a workstation communicating with a server via a first network and second network, and transmitting a time of the server to a user when receiving data from the server.

However, prior art of record as a whole does not teach or make obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art: sending reservation request information including a desired service supply time period for distributing content using a distribution server from a user terminal apparatus to a reservation control apparatus via a first network, said reservation control apparatus determining if the reservation request for

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distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, transmitting a current time reference value from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the first network if the reservation request is accepted, said current time reference value determining when said reservation state of said distribution server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus to the distribution server for distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service time; calculating a difference in real time between said current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus; notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time; transmitting content from the user terminal apparatus to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time; and broadcasting, by the distribution server, said content data received from said user terminal apparatus via said first network.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua Joo who telephone number is 571 272-3966. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571 272-1915.

May 15, 2007

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